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This is a request for a continuation or divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d),

(continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 09/103,873

filed on June 24, 1998, entitled SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD FOR FABRICATING THE SAME

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EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 CFR 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

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	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 37 CFR 1.16(b) or (i))	3 - 3** =	0	x \$ 84 =	0
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				BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16)	\$ 740
				Total of above Calculations =	920
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	* Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent.			TOTAL =	920
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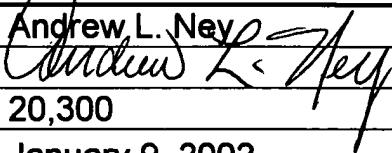
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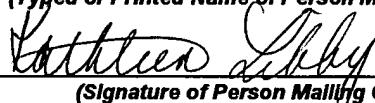
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